

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-2, 7-8, 11, 16-22 and 24 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 7, 17, 20, and 24. As a result, claims 1-2, 7-8, 11, 16-22, and 24 are pending for examination with claims 1, 7, 17 and 20 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Interview Summary

Applicant acknowledges the courtesies extended by Examiner Zewari during a telephone interview with the undersigned on September 11, 2008. The substance of the interview is summarized in the remarks set forth herein below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 7, 16-18, and 20-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ito (U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0006902) in view of Launay (U.S. Patent No. 6,111,303) and in further view of Thompson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,335,276). Claims 2, 8, 19, 22, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ito in view of Launay and Thompson and in further view of Rydbeck (U.S. Patent No. 5,778,322). Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ito in view of Launay and Thompson, and in further view of Ausems et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,434,403).

During the interview, the undersigned discussed with the Examiner differences between Thompson and the present application. In this regard, the application module (100) of Thompson has a power supply (166) that is used to augment or assist another already existing power supply (66) associated with the device (see column 15, lines 48-60). In particular, the power supply (166) that the Examiner refers to in Thompson does not provide *primary electrical power* to the cell phone. In contrast, the removable battery of the claimed cell phone provides primary electrical power to the cell phone. The undersigned explained that if the removable battery of the claimed cell phone were removed, then the cell phone would be left without power. In Thompson, if the

application module (100) were removed, the cell phone would still have a primary power supply (66) from which to draw power. The Examiner agreed with this assessment.

To further clarify this distinction, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 7, 17, and 20 to recite the antenna fixed directly to the removable battery *for providing primary electrical power to the cell phone*. As a result of these amendments, independent claims 1, 7, 17, and 20 should be in condition for allowance. Because claim 2 depends directly from independent claim 1; claims 8, 11, and 16 depend directly from independent claim 7; claims 18-19 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 17; and claims 21-22 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 20, these claims should also be allowed.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment set forth in the Office Action does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Furthermore, nothing in this paper should be construed as intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify any concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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